

## THE VIGIL SERVICE

NOVEMBER 13[30], 2015: THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 3

THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

*Deacon:* Arise. Bless, O Lord.

*Priest:* **G**lory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-creating and Indivisible Trinity, always, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Clergy:* O come, let us worship our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ, our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Him.

### VESPERS

THE PROEMIAL PSALM [VERSES FROM PSALM 103, WITH REFRAINS]

*Choir:* **B**less the Lord, O my soul.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

O Lord, my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Confession and majesty hast Thou put on.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Upon the mountains shall the waters stand.

How wondrous are Thy works, O Lord.

Between the mountains will the waters run.

How wondrous are Thy works, O Lord.

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Who hast created all!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Who hast created all!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (*Three times*)

### THE GREAT LITANY

*Deacon:* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For our great lord and father, his holiness patriarch Cyril; for our lord the most reverend metropolitan Hilarion; for our lord the right reverend archbishop Cyril; for our lord the right reverend bishop Theodosius; for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For the God-preserved land of Russia and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* That He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For this country, its authorities, and all who in faith and piety dwell therein and in every country, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For this city, for every city and countryside, and for the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For them that travel by sea, land and air, for the sick, the afflicted, for captives, and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For our deliverance from all sorrow, wrath and need, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

#### ANTIPHON FROM FIRST KATHISMA [VERSES FROM PSALMS 1 - 3]

*Choir:* **B**lessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they that put their trust in Him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salvation is the Lord's: Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

#### THE LITTLE LITANY

*Deacon:* Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

#### LORD, I HAVE CRIED [VERSES FROM PSALMS 140, 141, 129 AND 116 WITH HYMNS OF THE DAY]

*Choir:* **L**ord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; hearken unto me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto Thee: hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before Thee, the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice; hearken unto me, O Lord.

*Reader: Bring my soul out of prison*

*Choir: that I may confess Thy Name.*

*[Resurrection]*

The power of death has been destroyed by Thy Cross, and the wiles of the devil have been set to naught, O Christ, Savior, while mankind, saved by faith, offers Thee hymns of praise for ever.

*Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.*

The whole inhabited earth has been enlightened by Thy Resurrection, O Lord, and the Paradise of old has been reopened; while it extols Thee, all creation offers Thee hymns of praise for ever.

*Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.*

I glorify the might of the Father and of the son and the power of the Holy Spirit; and I praise the dominion of the undivided and uncreated Godhead - the Consubstantial Trinity that reigns to the ages of ages.

*Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*

We venerate Thy precious Cross, O Christ, and praise and glorify Thy Resurrection: for by Thy wounds have we all been healed.

*If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.*

*[Apostle Andrew]*

When the hypostatic Effulgence of the Father's glory appeared, fashioned by the light of the Forerunner, wishing, in His loving-kindness, to save the human race, then wast thou the first to have recourse unto Him, O glorious one, being enlightened in mind by the most perfect ray of His divinity, thenceforth becoming the preacher and apostle of Christ our God. Him do thou beseech, that He save and enlighten our souls.

*For Thy Name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

*(Repeat " When the hypostatic Effulgence of the Father's glory ... ")*

*From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.*

When the all-holy Word became incarnate, granting us life, heralded by the voice of the Forerunner, announcing the glad tidings of salvation unto them on earth, then didst thou dedicate thyself to Him as first fruits, as the best of offerings, and didst proclaim Him as our God to thy kinsman. Him do thou beseech, that He save and enlighten our souls.

*For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.*

*(Repeat " When the all-holy Word became incarnate ... ")*

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him all ye peoples.*

Having been the disciple of him that sprang forth from a barren woman, the teacher of piety and chastity, who showed the way to purity, when the Offspring of the Virgin shone forth, then wast thou a most fervent lover of virtue, O blessed Andrew, and, making ascent within thy heart, thou wast caught up from glory to the ineffable glory of Christ our God. Him do thou beseech, that He save and enlighten our souls.

*For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.*

*(Repeat " Having been the disciple ... ")*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

Leaving behind the netting of fish, O apostle, thou dost trap men with the rod of thy preaching, lowering the lure of piety as a hook and drawing forth all the nations from the depths of falsehood, O apostle Andrew, who art the blood relation of the pre-eminent one. O clarion-voiced herald of the whole world, fail not in thy prayers in behalf of us that with love and faith praise thine honored memory.

*Choir: both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*[Resurrection Theotokion]*

How can we refrain from wonder, O all-hallowed Virgin, at Thy bearing God and man in One? For thou, without blemish and who hast never known a man, hast brought forth without father a Son in the flesh, begotten of the Father without mother before all ages, Who suffered no change, confusion, or division, but kept in full what is proper to each nature; therefore, O Lady, Virgin and Mother, entreat Him to save the souls of those who in the true faith confess thee to be the Birthgiver of God.

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

*Deacon: Wisdom. Upright.*

## EVENING SONG TO THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD

*Choir:* **O** joyous Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: we that come to the setting of the sun, when we beheld the evening light, praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God. Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with gladsome voices, O Son of God, Giver of life. Therefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

*Deacon:* Let us attend.

*Priest:* Peace be to all.

*Deacon:* Wisdom. The prokimenon is in the sixth tone:

***The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.***

*Choir:* The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

*Deacon:* ***The Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girded Himself.***

*Choir:* The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

*Deacon:* ***For He established the world which shall not be shaken.***

*Choir:* The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

*Deacon:* ***Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forever.***

*Choir:* The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

*Deacon:* ***The Lord is King,***

*Choir:* He is clothed with majesty.

## THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURAL LESSONS

*Deacon:* Wisdom.

*Reader:* The reading is from the General Epistle of Peter.

*Deacon:* Let us attend.

*(1Peter 1:1-2:6)*

*Reader:* **P**eter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

*Deacon:* Wisdom.

*Reader:* The reading is from the General Epistle of Peter.

*Deacon:* Let us attend.

*(1Peter 2:21-3:9)*

*Reader:* **B**rethren, for even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

*Deacon:* Wisdom.

*Reader:* The reading is from the General Epistle of Peter.

*Deacon:* Let us attend.

*(1Peter 4:1-11)*

*Reader:* **B**eloved, forasmuch as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE AUGMENTED LITANY

*Deacon:* Let us say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy:

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for our great lord and father, his holiness patriarch Cyril; for our lord the most reverend metropolitan Hilarion; for our lord the right reverend archbishop Cyril; for our lord the right reverend bishop Theodosius; and for all our brethren in Christ.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for the God-preserved land of Russia and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and the diaspora, and for their salvation.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray to the Lord our God that He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for this country, its authorities, and all who in faith and piety dwell therein and in every country.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy orthodox patriarchs, and for the pious kings and faithful queens, and for the founders of this holy temple, and for all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and for all the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. (*Three times*)

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of the sins for the servants of God, our brethren of this holy Temple.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. (*Three times*)

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for them that bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for them that labor and them that sing, and for all the people here present that await Thy great and abundant mercy.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. (*Three times*)

*Priest:* For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Reader:* Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name unto the ages. Amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, grant me understanding of Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes. O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands. Unto Thee is due praise, unto Thee is due song, unto Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

#### THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*Deacon:* Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* An Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* Pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* For things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For Thou art a gracious God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Priest:* Peace be to all.

*Choir:* And to thy spirit.

*Deacon:* Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* Blessed and glorified be the dominion of Thy Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

## THE APOSTICHA HYMNS OF THE DAY

*[Resurrection]*

**Choir:** Thou hast darkened the sun by Thy Passion, O Christ; by Thy Resurrection hast Thou given all things light. Accept our evening hymn, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

**Reader:** *The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.*

Thy life-giving Resurrection, O Lord, has brought light to all the inhabited earth and called up Thy creation that lay in corruption, so that we, released from the curse of Adam, cry aloud: "Glory to Thee, O Almighty God."

*For He established the world which shall not be shaken.*

Suffering in the flesh, Thou, O God Who by nature cannot be changed, hast changed Thyself, and creation, unable to bear the sight of Thee hanging was bowed down by fear and groaned as it sang the praises of Thy long-suffering. And Thou, descending into hell, hast risen on the third day, giving the world life and great mercy.

*Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forever.*

Thou hast suffered death, O Christ, to deliver our kind from death; and risen on the third day from the dead, Thou hast raised up with Thyself those Who acknowledge Thee to be God and Thou hast enlightened the world. O Lord, glory to Thee.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*[Apostle Andrew]*

In hymns let us honor the apostle Andrew, the kinsman of Peter and disciple of Christ, the fisherman and fisher of men; for, having learned all the dogmas from the teaching of Jesus, he presented them as a lure to the iniquitous fish of the flesh, and ensnared them. By his supplications, O Christ, grant Thou Thy people peace and great mercy.

*both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*[Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ]*

Tell us, O Joseph, how is it that thou ledest to Bethlehem the Virgin, great with child, whom thou didst receive from the Holy of Holies? Having searched the prophets and received reply of an angel, I am persuaded that Mary doth ineffably bear God, and magi shall come from the East to worship Him, ministering unto Him with precious gifts. O Lord, Who wast incarnate for our sake, glory be to Thee!

## SONG OF SAINT SYMEON

**Reader:** Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all the peoples: a light of revelation for the nations, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

## THRICE-HOLY, TO "OUR FATHER"

**Reader:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, wash away our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Our Father,** Which art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Priest:** For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

## TROPARION ("DISMISSAL HYMN")

**Choir:** O Birthgiver of God and Virgin, rejoice, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(Three times)*

**Blessed be the Name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (Three times)**

*(Psalm 33 is omitted in many parishes)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

## PSALM 33

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His Name together. I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. The poor

man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles. The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that takes refuge in Him. Fear the Lord, you His Saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

*Priest:* The blessing of the Lord come upon you, by His grace and love for mankind, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

## MATINS

### THE SIX PSALMS

*Reader:* **G**lory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. *(Three times)*

**O** Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. *(Twice)*

#### PSALM 3

**O** Lord, why are they multiplied that afflict me? Many rise up against me, many say to my soul: "There is no salvation for him in his God". But Thou, O Lord, art my helper, my glory, and the lifter up of my head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain. I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves against me roundabout. Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God, for Thou hast smitten all who, without cause, are mine enemies; the teeth of the sinners hast Thou broken. Salvation is of the Lord, and Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

#### PSALM 37

**O** Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath, for Thine arrows are fastened in me, and Thou hast laid Thy hand heavily upon me. There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Thy wrath, and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins. For mine iniquities are risen up higher than my head; as a heavy burden have they pressed heavily upon me. My wounds are become foul and rotten in the face of my folly. I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; all the day long I went with downcast face, for my loins are filled with mockings, and there is no healing in my flesh. I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly, I have roared from the groaning of my heart. O Lord, before Thee is all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee. My heart is troubled, my strength hath failed me; and the light of mine eyes, even this is not with me. My friends and my neighbors drew nigh over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off. And they that sought after my soul used violence; and they that sought evils for me spake vain things, and deceit all day long did they meditate. But as for me, like a deaf man I heard them not, and was as a speechless man that openeth not his mouth; and I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath in his mouth no reproofs. For in Thee have I hoped, O Lord; Thou wilt hearken unto me, O Lord my God. For I said: let never mine enemies rejoice over me; yea, when my feet were shaken, those men spoke boastful words against me. For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity, and I will take heed concerning my sin. But mine enemies live, and are made stronger than I, and they that hated me unjustly are multiplied. They, that rendered me evil for good, slandered me, because I pursued goodness. Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me; be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me, be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

#### PSALM 62

**O** God, my God, unto Thee I rise early at dawn; my soul hath thirsted for Thee; how often hath my flesh longed after Thee in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered. So in the sanctuary have I appeared before Thee to see Thy power and Thy glory. For Thy mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise Thee. So shall I bless Thee in my life, and in Thy Name will I lift up my hands. As with marrow and fatness let my soul be filled, and with lips of rejoicing shall my mouth praise Thee. If I remembered Thee on my bed, at the dawn I meditated on Thee, for Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee; Thy right hand hath been quick to help me. But as for these, in vain have they sought after my soul; they shall go into the nethermost parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered to the edge of the sword; portions for foxes shall they be. But the king shall be glad in God, everyone shall be praised that sweareth by Him; for the mouth of them is stopped that speak unjust things.

At the dawn I meditated on Thee, for Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee, Thy right hand hath been quick to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

#### PSALM 87

**O** Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee. Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication, for filled with evils is my soul, and my life unto hades hath drawn nigh. I am counted with

them that go down into the pit; I am become as a man without help, free among the dead, like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, whom Thou rememberest no more, and they are cut off from Thy hand. They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and in the shadow of death. Against me is Thine anger made strong, and all Thy billows hast Thou brought upon me. Thou hast removed my friends afar from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves; I have been delivered up, and have not come forth. Mine eyes are grown weak from poverty; I have cried unto Thee, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands unto Thee. Wilt Thou work wonders for the dead? or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks to Thee? shall any in the grave tell of Thy mercy, and of Thy truth in that destruction? shall Thy wonders be known in that darkness, and Thy righteousness in that land that is forgotten? But as for me, unto Thee O Lord, have I cried; and in the morning shall my prayer come before Thee. Why, O Lord, dost Thou cast off my soul and turnest Thy face away from me? A poor man am I, and in troubles from my youth; yea, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress. Thy furies have passed upon me, and Thy terrors have sorely troubled me; they came round about me like water, all the day long they compassed me about together. Thou hast removed afar from me friend and neighbor, and mine acquaintances, because of my misery.

O Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee. Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication.

PSALM 102

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee, Who is gracious to all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thine infirmities, Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion, Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's. The Lord performeth deeds of mercy, and executeth judgment for all them that are wronged. He hath made His way known to Moses, to the sons of Israel the things that He hath willed. Magnanimous and merciful is the Lord, long suffering and plenteous in mercy. Not to the end will He be angered, neither to eternity will He be wroth; not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us, neither according to our sins hath He rewarded us. For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord hath made His mercy to prevail over them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from us. Like a father hath compassion upon his sons, so hath the Lord had compassion upon those that fear Him. For He knoweth whereof we are made, He hath remembered that we are dust. As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth; for when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it know the place thereof. But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that fear Him; and His righteousness is upon the sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them. The Lord in Heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will. Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

In every place of His dominion, bless the Lord, O my soul.

PSALM 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness; and enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath set me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord the way wherein I should walk, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me, in Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies; and Thou shalt cut off all of them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

Hearken unto me in Thy righteousness; and enter not into judgment with Thy servant.

Hearken unto me in Thy righteousness; and enter not into judgment with Thy servant.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

THE GREAT LITANY

*Deacon:* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For our great lord and father, his holiness patriarch Cyril; for our lord the most reverend metropolitan Hilarion; for our lord the right reverend archbishop Cyril; for our lord the right reverend bishop Theodosius; for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For the God-preserved land of Russia and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* That He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For this country, its authorities, and all who in faith and piety dwell therein and in every country, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For this city, for every city and countryside, and for the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For them that travel by sea, land and air, for the sick, the afflicted, for captives, and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* For our deliverance from all sorrow, wrath and need, let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

#### GOD IS THE LORD

*Deacon:* In the third tone:

**G**od is the Lord, and hath appeared to us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

***O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.***

*Choir:* God is the Lord, and hath appeared to us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

*Deacon:* ***All the nations compassed me round about, and by the Name of the Lord I warded them off.***

*Choir:* God is the Lord, and hath appeared to us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

*Deacon:* ***I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.***

*Choir:* God is the Lord, and hath appeared to us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

*Deacon:* ***The stone that the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

*Choir:* God is the Lord, and hath appeared to us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

#### *Resurrection troparion, tone 3*

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of hell hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world. *(Twice)*

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

*Troparion of the apostle Andrew, tone 4*

As thou art the first-called of the apostles and the brother of the pre-eminent one, entreat thou the Master of all, O Andrew, that He grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

*Resurrection Theotokion, tone 4*

The mystery hidden from eternity and unknown to the Angels is made manifest through thee, O Birthgiver of God, to those on earth: God took flesh in a union without confusion and for our sakes willingly accepted the Cross, whereby He raised up the first-fashioned man and hath saved our souls from death.

THE KATHISMA (READINGS FROM THE PSALTER)

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

*Reader:* both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*(A psalm is read)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

*Choir:* both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

*Reader:* both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*(A psalm is read)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

*Choir:* both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

*Reader:* both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*(A psalm is read)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

THE LITTLE LITANY

*Deacon:* Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

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*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

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*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

SESSIONAL HYMN I

*[Resurrection]*

*Reader:* Christ is risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that slept, the firstborn of all creation and Maker of all things that have come into being. He hath renewed in Himself the corrupted nature of our race; no longer, O Death, art thou lord, for the Master of all hath destroyed thy dominion.

***Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.***

Having tasted of death in the flesh, O Lord, Thou hast banished the bitterness of death by Thy rising, and Thou hast strengthened man against it by proclaiming the abolition of the ancient curse. O Defender of our life, Lord, glory be to Thee.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

*Resurrection theotokion, tone 3*

We praise thee, the mediatrix for the salvation of our race, O Virgin Theotokos; for in the flesh taken from thee, thy Son and our God hath deigned to endure the Passion through the Cross, and hath redeemed us from corruption, since He loveth mankind.

SESSIONAL HYMN II

*[Resurrection]*

*Reader:* Terrified of Thine immutable divinity and voluntary suffering, O Lord, hell lamented to itself, saying: "I tremble before a Being of incorrupt flesh; I behold One invisible, Who mystically contendeth against me. Wherefore, I hold fast to those who cry: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!"

***I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.***

O ye faithful, let us theologize concerning the incomprehensibility of the crucifixion, the ineffability of the resurrection, the unspeakable mystery; for today death and hell have been made captive, and the human race hath been clothed in incorruption. Wherefore, giving thanks, we cry unto Thee: Glory to Thine arising, O Christ!

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

O Theotokos, thou didst mystically contain in thy womb the Unapproachable and Uncircumscribable One, Who is consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit, and through thy birthgiving we have learned to glorify in the world the one and unconfused power of the Trinity. Wherefore, with thanksgiving we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace!

POLYELEOS [PRAISES FROM PSALMS 134 AND 135]

*Choir:* Praise ye the Name of the Lord; praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, Who dwelleth in Jerusalem.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O, give thanks unto the Lord of heaven: for His mercy endureth forever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

MEGALYNARION

*Clergy:* We magnify thee, O Andrew, first-called apostle of Christ, and we honor the pangs and labors wherewith thou didst struggle in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

EVLOGITARIA (HYMNS) OF THE RESURRECTION

*Choir:* ***Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.***

The assembly of the Angels was amazed to see Thee accounted among the dead, Thou Who hadst destroyed the might of death, O Savior, and didst raise up Adam with Thyself, and Who hadst freed all men from hell.

***Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.***

Why do you mingle myrrh with tears of compassion, O ye women disciples? The radiant Angel in the grave addressed the myrrh-bearing women: "Behold the tomb and exult, for the Savior hath arisen from the grave."

***Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.***

At early morn, the myrrh-bearers hastened to Thy grave with lamentation; but the Angel came to them and said: "The time for sorrow is ended; weep ye no longer. And tell the Apostles of the Resurrection".

***Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.***

The myrrh-bearing women came with myrrh to Thy tomb, O Savior, and they heard the Angel saying to them: "Why do ye count the Living among the dead? For, as God, He is risen from the grave.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

Let us worship the Father, and His Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, one in essence, crying out with the Seraphim: "Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O Lord".

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

By giving birth to the Giver of life, O Virgin, thou didst rescue Adam from sin, and thou didst grant Eve joy instead of sorrow; for He, Who was incarnate of thee, God and Man, guided back to life him that had fallen away therefrom.

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (Three times)***

## THE LITTLE LITANY

*Deacon:* Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

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*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For blessed is Thy Name, and glorified is Thy Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

## YPAKOE

*[Resurrection]*

*Reader:* Amazing the myrrh-bearing women by the sight of Him, and refreshing them by his words, the radiant angel said to them: "Why seek ye the Living in the tomb? He Who hath emptied the graves hath arisen! Understand the Changer of corruption to be immutable! Say ye unto God: How awesome are Thy works, for Thou hast saved the human race!"

## SESSIONAL HYMN

*[Apostle Andrew]*

With love do we praise thee, O apostle Andrew, as a divine disciple and first-called of all the disciples of Christ, and we cry out to thee with faith: Deliver thy flock, to which thou hast been assigned by God, from every sorrow and need, from temptations and every affliction.

Christ found thee to be his first-called disciple, the particular initiate of His mysteries, O blessed Andrew, who diligently exalted His precepts for the whole world. And, as though furnished with wings, thou didst enlighten the states of the gentiles. Him do thou entreat as God, that He grant us great mercy.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

Let us all praise the apostle as one who himself beheld the Word, a divine preacher and a truly spiritual fisher of nations, for we have been brought to knowledge of Christ by the divinely eloquent Andrew, our truly great intercessor, and he now prayeth unceasingly that our souls be saved.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

*[Theotokion]*

O all-pure Virgin, praying to thy Son with His apostles, free us who unwaveringly place our trust in thee, who art our protection, from diverse temptations and evil circumstances, and from cruel misfortune; and save all who hymn thee.

*(In most parishes only one of the three "hymns of ascent" is said)*

## HYMNS OF ASCENT

## ANTIPHON 1

Thou didst move the captivity of Zion away from Babylon, O Word. Draw me also forth from the passions unto life. They who sow in the south with tears divine shall joyfully reap the grain of life everlasting.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Unto the Holy Spirit, as to the Father and the Son, shineth all thanksgiving, wherein all things live and move.

## ANTIPHON 2

If the Lord buildeth not the house of the virtues, in vain do we labor; and when the Spirit protecteth it, no one will destroy our city.

Through the Spirit are the saints ever adopted by Thee, O Christ, as the fruit of Thee and the Father.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Through the Holy Spirit are all holiness and wisdom perceived. For He bringeth every created thing into existence. Him do we worship, for He is God, like the Father and the Word.

## ANTIPHON 3

Blessed are they who fear the Lord, who walk the path of the commandments; for they shall eat of all the fruits of life.

Be Thou glad, O Chief Shepherd, beholding Thine offspring round about Thy table, bearing the branches of goodly works.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

From the Holy Spirit are all the riches of glory; from Him are grace and life for every creation: for He is hymned with the Father and the Word.

## THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

*Deacon:* Let us attend. Wisdom. Let us attend.

The prokimenon is in the third tone:

***Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth, for He has established the world that it should not be moved.***

*Choir:* Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth, for He has established the world that it should not be moved.

*Deacon:* ***Sing to the Lord a new song***

*Choir:* Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth, for He has established the world that it should not be moved.

*Deacon:* ***Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth,***

*Choir:* for He has established the world that it should not be moved.

*Deacon:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* For holy art Thou, O our God, who restest in the holies, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Deacon:* ***Let every breath praise the Lord.***

*Choir:* Let every breath praise the Lord.

*Deacon:* ***Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.***

*Choir:* Let every breath praise the Lord.

*Deacon:* ***Let every breath***

*Choir:* praise the Lord.

*Deacon:* And that we may be deemed worthy to hear the holy Gospel, let us beseech the Lord God.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Wisdom. Upright. Let us hear the holy Gospel.

*Priest:* Peace be to all.

*Choir:* And to thy spirit.

*Priest:* The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Choir:* Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

*Deacon:* Let us attend.

*(Luke 24:36-53)*

*Priest:* **A**t that time, having risen from the dead, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples, and saith unto them: "Peace be unto you". But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them: "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me and see; for a spirit hath no flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them: "Have ye here any food?" And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And He took it, and ate before them. And He said unto them: "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me." Then He opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. And He said unto them: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with Power from on high." And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen

*Choir:* Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## HYMN TO THE RESURRECTION

*Choir:* **L**et us, who have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, worship our holy Lord Jesus, Who is alone without sin. We bow down before Thy Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection. For Thou art our God, and we know none other beside Thee, and we call upon Thy Name. Come, all ye faithful, let us bow down before Christ's holy Resurrection, for behold, through the Cross joy hath come to the whole world. Forever blessing the Lord, we praise His Resurrection. He endured the Cross for us, and by death destroyed death.

PSALM 50

*(Omitted in most parishes)*

*Reader:* **H**ave mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

*Choir:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

By the intercessions of the Apostles, O merciful One, blot out the multitude of my offenses.

**both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

By the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O merciful One, blot out the multitude of my offenses.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy bounties, blot out my transgression.**

Jesus, having risen from the grave as He had foretold, has granted us life everlasting and great mercy.

*Deacon:* Save, O God, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; visit Thy world with mercy and bounties; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Thy rich mercies: by the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary; by the power of the honorable and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the venerable, heavenly Bodiless Powers; by the supplications of the venerable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of our Fathers among the Saints, the great Hierarchs and universal Teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; of our Fathers among the Saints Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the wonder-worker, and Spyridon, bishop of Trimythun; of our Fathers among the Saints, wonder-workers of all Russia and Hierarchs Peter, Alexis, Jonah and Philip; of our Fathers among the Saints John the wonderworker of Shanghai, San Francisco and all America; (*other Hierarchs among the Saints [especially Russian] may be mentioned here*); of the holy Equal-to-the apostles Methodius and Cyril, evangelizers of the Slavs, prince Vladimir, evangelizer of Russia, Nina, evangelizer of Georgia and Innocent, Metroplitan of Moscow and evangelizer of America; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Martyrs; of the Great-martyrs George, Panteleimon, Catherine, Barbara and Tatiana; of the holy Hierarchs Tikhon, Nicholas and all the New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia; (*here other Martyrs may be mentioned*); of the venerable Sergius of Radonezh and Seraphim of Sarov, the wonderworkers of all Russia and Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of all America; (*here other holy Monks may be mentioned*); the holy righteous Father John of Kronstadt, wonderworker of all Russia and Xenia of St. Petersburg; of the holy and glorious apostle Andrew the First-called and hierarch Frumentius, archbishop of Ethiopia: whose memories we celebrate today; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and of all Thy Saints: we beseech Thee, O greatly merciful God, hearken unto us sinners, who pray to Thee, and have mercy on us

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. (*12 times*)

*Priest:* By the mercy and bounties and love for mankind of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine All-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

## THE CANON

*(The canon is presented in full here. In most parishes a certain number of troparia is omitted in each canticle and the katasia is sung after canticles 3,6,8 and 9 only.)*

### CANTICLE 1

*[Resurrection]*

*Choir:* **H**e Who of old gathered the waters into one at His divine behest and parted the sea for the people of Israel, is our God and is most glorious. To Him let us chant, for He hath been glorified.

*Reader:* **Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.**

Our God is He Who cursed the earth to bring forth as fruit thorns through the sweat of the transgressor, and in the flesh receiveth a crown of thorns from the hands of the transgressors of the law. He hath abolished the curse, in that He hath been glorified.

***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

He of Whom death was afraid hath appeared as the vanquisher and victor over death; for having assumed animate flesh subject to sufferings, and contended against the tyrant, He hath raised all up with Himself. He is our God, for He hath been glorified.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

All nations glorify thee as the true Theotokos who gave birth without seed; for He is our God Who, having descended into thy sanctified womb, became of our essence. God and Man was born of thee.

*[Theotokos]*

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

All heavenly beings kneel before Him Who took flesh of thee, O Virgin, and the people of the earth and they that are in the lower parts of the earth rightly join them. For He hath been glorified.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

What a reconciliation took place in thee! For God, a generous Giver of good things Who has granted us the Divine Spirit, has received flesh from thee, O Maiden. For He hath been glorified.

*[Apostle Andrew]*

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

My soul, which hath been troubled by wicked thoughts and words, do thou purify with the divine grace which dwelleth within thee, O Andrew, preacher of Christ, that I may pour forth a worthy hymn to thee in purity.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

The Forerunner of Christ, who sprang forth from a barren woman, led Andrew, rejoicing, the most eminent and honored of his disciples, to Christ the supremely glorified, Who was born of the Virgin.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

With desire and unwavering love beginning to mount the steps of the virtues, ever learning to ascend, from weakness thou didst attain unto the most lofty strength, O Andrew.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Rejoice, O wellspring of grace! Rejoice, stairway and portal to heaven! Rejoice, golden candlestick and jar, and mountain unquarried, who for the world gavest birth unto Christ, the Bestower of life.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

With the rod of the Gospel didst thou fish, O all-praised Andrew, drawing men forth from the deep of falsehood, as Christ promised, Who taught thee to pursue men as though they were fish.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

The divinely inspired Andrew, the pillar of the Faith and seat of the true dogmas of Christ, doth today summon all the ends of the earth to celebrate his yearly festival. Let us therefore make haste, all ye faithful!

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

With faith I worship the supernatural Unity of the all-unoriginate Trinity, not dividing the Godhead. For It is of a single kind, simple and indivisible. And I unite It by essence and faithfully distinguish the Persons.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

God is born an Infant unto the Virgin, and He reneweth that which, through Adam, hath become corrupt; and He breaketh down the wall of partition and the chamber of enmity with His flesh. And coming forth from His all-pure Mother, He doth annul the curse of our first mother.

*[Katavasia (Nativity of Christ)]*

*Choir:* Christ is born, give ye glory. Christ comes from heaven, meet ye Him. Christ is on earth be ye exalted. O all the earth, sing unto the Lord, and sing praises in gladness O ye people, for He has been glorified.

*Choir:* I shall open my mouth and the Spirit will inspire it, and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother: I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast and joyously praising her wonders.

CANTICLE 3

*Choir:* **O** Most High, Thou Ruler of all, Who out of non-existence hast brought all things, which are fashioned by Thy Word and made perfect by the Spirit; Confirm me in Thy love!

*Reader:* ***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

The ungodly one was confounded by Thy Cross, for he fell into the pit which he dug; but in Thy resurrection, O Christ, Thou didst raise up the lowly.

***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

The preaching of piety to the nations covered them like the water of the sea, O Thou Who lovest mankind; for having risen from the tomb, Thou didst reveal the light of the Trinity.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

All-glorious things have been said of thee, O animate city of Him Who reigneth forever; for through thee, O Mistress, did God come to dwell with those on earth.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

The Virgin, Rod of the root of Jesse, that blossomed as the prophets said, made Thee shine forth for us as a flower, O Christ. Holy art Thou, O Lord.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

To make those on earth participators in divine things, Thou hast become poor by taking our flesh from the Virgin. Holy art Thou, O Lord.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Thou wast not summoned, but of thine own will didst thou run like a thirsting hart to the Wellspring of life, and having found Him thou didst preach Him to all; and having drunk thereof thou didst drench the parched ends of the earth with the waters of incorruption.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Mindful of the laws of nature, O right wondrous Andrew, thou didst take thy kinsman into partnership, crying out: "We have found the Desired One!" And to him who prepared the way by his birth in the flesh thou didst show spiritual knowledge.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

From the depths of deception hast thou caught reason-endowed fish in the net of the Word, O apostle, and thou hast brought pure food to the table of Christ: those who have been enlightened by the grace of Him Who appeared in fleshly form.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Though thou didst conceive God in thy womb, O Virgin, by the All-Holy Spirit wast thou preserved unconsumed, for to Moses the lawgiver the unburnt bush manifestly foretold thee, who, aflame, received the unbearable Fire.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Cephas and Andrew straightway followed Christ, Who summoned them, saying, "Come, follow Me!", leaving their father, their boat and nets, for they were visionaries of faith.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Transforming pagan temples into churches, O most honored one, thou didst sanctify therein children of baptism, whom grace hath renewed through water and the Spirit.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

Let us all hymn in Orthodox manner, in Trinity, the one power of the unoriginate, uncreated, consubstantial, equally enthroned, tri-hypostatic, three-Sunned God, chanting unto Him.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Every mother who beareth a child can no longer be a virgin; but thou, O Virgin Mother, having given birth unto Christ, didst so remain, nourishing our Life with milk and remaining pure.

*Choir:* To the Son who was begotten of the Father without change before all ages, and in the last times was without seed made flesh of the Virgin, to Christ our God let us cry aloud: Thou has raised up our horn, holy are Thou, O Lord.

THE LITTLE LITANY

*Deacon:* Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For Thou art our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*(The "Sessional Hymn" is omitted in many parishes)*

## SESSIONAL HYMN

*Kontakion of the apostle Andrew, tone 2*

*Choir:* The divinely eloquent namesake of manliness, the eminent follower of the Church, the kinsman of Peter, let us praise, for as of old he was called, so now he calleth us: Come ye, we have found the Desired One!

*Ikos*

*Reader:* Of old David constrained a sinner like me to declare the precepts of God honorably. And again he teacheth and with many tears doth proclaim: Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as Israel once embittered themselves! And he leadeth the rest in psalmody: Come ye, hymn the Lord, all ye lands, for we have found the Desired One!

## SESSIONAL HYMN

*[Apostle Andrew]*

We honor thee as is meet, O apostle Andrew, as the first-called of all the disciples and an eyewitness and minister of the Word; for, fervently and with unwavering faith, thou didst follow the Lamb Who taketh away the sins of the world. And thereafter thou didst show thyself to share in the sufferings of Him Who willingly endured death for our sake. Wherefore, we cry to thee: Pray thou to Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who, with love, celebrate thy holy memory.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

Setting at naught the audacity of the idols and yearning for the sufferings of Christ, thou didst show thyself to be an apostle, O blessed Andrew, raining down wonders from heaven, and wast a teacher of the nations, O most blessed one. Wherefore, honoring thy memory as is meet, in hymns we glorify and faithfully magnify thee, O apostle of the Lord. Pray thou to Christ God, that He grant remission of sins to those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

*both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*[Theotokion]*

Rejoice, O fiery throne of God! Rejoice, O Maiden, royal seat and lavishly appointed couch, chamber hung with gold-embroidered purple, cloak of scarlet, temple adorned, chariot of lightning, most radiant candlestick! Rejoice, twelve-walled city, gate cast of gold, radiant bridal chamber, magnificently appointed banquet hall and divinely embellished tabernacle! Rejoice, glorious Bride, radiant as the sun! Rejoice, thou who alone art the splendor of my soul!

## CANTICLE 4

*Choir:* Thou hast shown us constant love, O Lord, for Thou didst give Thine only-begotten Son over to death for us. Wherefore, in thanksgiving we cry to Thee: Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

*Reader: Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

In Thy mercy, Thou didst withstand wounds and stripes, O Christ, enduring the malice of blows to Thy cheeks; and with long-suffering deigning to be spit upon, Thou didst thereby accomplish salvation for me. Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

*Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

Thou didst partake of death in a mortal body, O Life, for the sake of the suffering of the poor and the groans of Thy paupers; and having brought corruption upon the corrupter, O All-glorious One, Thou didst resurrect all with Thyself, in that Thou hast been glorified.

*Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.*

Remember, O Christ, the flock which Thou hast acquired by Thy suffering; and accepting the merciful entreaties of Thine all-glorious Mother, deliver it by Thy power, O Lord, visiting it in its affliction.

*Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.*

Thou hast established the mountains with the measure of divine knowledge, O Master, Stone uncut by hand of man and hewn from the Virgin: Glory to Thy might, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

*Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.*

O Master, Thou hast healed our nature that lay sorely sick, having united it through the Virgin to a mighty remedy, O Word: Thy divine and undefiled Nature.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

The divine and consuming power of the higher, all-accomplishing and radiant Spirit, Who, in godly manner, made His abode within thee in the form of a tongue of flee, O Andrew, showed thee forth as a preacher of ineffable things.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

The most honored Andrew did not take up weapons of the flesh for retribution, even to lay low the strong citadels of the enemy, but, protected by Christ, having captured the nations, he brought them to obedience.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

Our super-essential God, Who hath assumed our nature, hath shown thee, O Andrew, to be a mountain which poureth forth noetic gladness, destroying the cruel mountains of demonic arrogance.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

By thy supplications, O Andrew, do thou never cease to till with the bountiful gifts of Christ, thy Teacher, those who lovingly celebrate thy memory in song.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Having cast aside thy nets and taken up the Cross, thou didst follow after Christ Who called thee, and, stretching out the net of the Spirit, thou dost catch men instead of fish. Glory to Him Who gave thee the Spirit!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Having received the flaming tongue of the Spirit, thou didst become a man well-pleasing unto God, O apostle, going about the beauties of heaven, recognizing the noetic comeliness therein, and revealing it to us.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

O ye faithful, let us hymn the Trinity in Unity: the Father, the Son, and the divine Spirit, One in Godhead, Essence and Nature, indivisible, inseparable, undivided; for He is One God in three Persons.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Having ineffably conceived One of the Trinity in thy womb, thou didst incorruptly give birth unto Him as a Son; yet the Trinity was not at any time added to. And as thou wast pure before giving birth, thou wast kept whole, O Mother of God.

*Choir:* **Rod of the root of Jesse, and flower that blossomed from his stem, O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Virgin. From the Mountain overshadowed by the forest Thou hast come, made flesh from her that knew not wedlock, O God who art not formed from matter. Glory to Thy power, O Lord.**

CANTICLE 5

*Choir:* **I rise at dawn unto Thee, the Creator of all, Who passest all worldly understanding; for Thy commandments are light, wherein do Thou direct me.**

*Reader:* ***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

Through the envy of the Jews Thou wast given over to an unjust judge, O Beholder of all. And Thou Who judgest the whole earth with justice hast delivered ancient Adam from condemnation.

***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

O Christ Who hast risen from the dead, grant Thy peace unto Thy Churches through the invincible power of Thy Cross, and save Thou our souls.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

O only Ever-virgin, thou hast been shown to be the holy tabernacle and more spacious than the heavens, in that thou didst receive the Word of God, Whom all creation cannot contain.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

Though He fashioned living flesh for Himself from Thee, O Virgin, Thy Son, the Word of God, Creator of Adam the first-formed man, was not a created being.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

Thy Son, O Virgin, Word of God, one perfect Person in two natures, is equal to the Father. Jesus the Lord is perfect God and perfect man.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Thou didst receive Him for Whom thou didst long, O apostle Andrew, making thine abode with Him in the incorruptible mansions, worthily having harvested the sheaves of thy labors. Wherefore, we glorify thee with hymns.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Thou didst love the Master, and quickly didst thou run after Him, guided towards life by His footprints and unfeignedly emulating His sufferings even unto death, O most honorable Andrew.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Having drawn thee like a mighty arrow, O blessed one, the Lord loosed thee at the world, wounding the demons and healing men wounded by ungodliness.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

The hosts of heaven are gladdened at the sight of thee, and with them rejoice the assemblies of men; for by thy birthgiving, O Virgin Theotokos, they are united, glorifying thee as is meet.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Having yearned for the Cross, O disciple of Christ, through thy cross didst thou obtain the incorruptible kingdom, whereto thou didst draw all the initiates of God with the Cross, granting an inheritance unto us, the theologians thereof.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Thou didst truly search for Christ our Life, and having searched, thou wast first to find Him; and having found Him, thou didst mystically embrace; and having received it in the Giver Himself, thou becamest a treasury of life incorruptible.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

O ye faithful, together let us glorify God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the indivisible Trinity, the tri-hypostatic Kingship, faithfully glorifying It with unceasing theologizings.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Thou didst give birth to the Light knowing not how, O thou who bearest the lamp of the Light of the Sun; and thou wast a new tabernacle of divine light, emitting rays of divine knowledge for the whole world.

*Choir:* As Thou art God of peace and Father of mercies, Thou hast sent unto us Thine Angel of great counsel, granting us peace. So are we guided towards the light of the knowledge of God, and watching by night we glorify Thee, O lover of mankind.

CANTICLE 6

*Choir:* The uttermost abyss of sins hath engulfed me, and my spirit doth perish. But, stretching forth Thine upraised arm, O Master, save me as Thou didst Peter, O Helmsman!

*Reader:* ***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

An abyss of mercy and compassion hath surrounded me through Thy compassionate descent; for having become incarnate and taken on the form of a servant, O Master, Thou didst deify me, glorifying me with Thyself.

***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

The slayer underwent death, beholding Him Who was dead alive again. These were images of Thy resurrection, O Christ, and of Thine all-pure, vanquishing sufferings.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

O all-pure one who alone dost mediate before the Creator and men, in manner past understanding: entreat thy merciful Son, and be thou a champion for thine all-sinful servants.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

He Who has no part in shape took our form from the undefiled Maiden and was man in form and deed without being changed in His divinity.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

Deliver me from an abyss of sin and from the storm of the passions, O Thou who art most pure. For thou art a haven and an abyss of wonders for those who run to thee in faith.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Sailing the sea of life in the vessel of thy body, thou didst discover Christ, the Helmsman Who guideth all things, O most blessed one, and thou didst stand before Him rejoicing, O most honored Andrew.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Evil spirits are cast out at thy word, infirmities take flight, a multitude of spiritual passions are driven far away from the afflicted by the grace given thee by God, O Andrew.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Like a gentle wave, moved by a meek spirit. O blessed one, with divine streams didst thou drain the sea of wicked polytheism and didst pour forth rivers of divine knowledge for all.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

O all-pure Virgin, the ancestors of our race are gladdened on thine account, having received through thee Eden, which they had lost through transgression, for thou art pure both before and after giving birth.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

He who was led away from Bethsaida doth summon us to hold festival, having set before us the solemnity of the commemoration of his struggles.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

By trade a fisherman, by faith a disciple, plumbing the depths of the heart of the faithful, he doth lower the hook of the word and doth catch us.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

The Father, the Son, and the right Spirit, the tri-hypostatic Essence, indivisible, let us worship, O ye faithful, crying out: Glory to God in Trinity!

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

At the good pleasure of the Father and through the Holy Spirit was the Son incarnate in thy womb, O pure one, and manifestly did He save that which before was in His image.

*Choir:* The sea monster spat forth Jonah as it had received him, like a babe from the womb; while the Word, having dwelt in the Virgin and taken flesh, came forth from her yet kept her uncorrupt. For being Himself not subject to decay, He preserved His mother free from harm.

THE LITTLE LITANY

*Deacon:* Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For Thou art the King of peace, and the Savior of our souls, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Resurrection kontakion , tone 3*

Thou didst rise from the tomb today, O Merciful One, and didst lead us up out of the gates of death. On this day Adam doth dance for joy and Eve rejoiceth; and with them, both the Patriarchs and the Prophets chant without ceasing in praise of the divine might of Thine authority.

*Ikos*

*Reader:* Let heaven and earth be of good cheer today and sing with one accord the praises of Christ God, for He has raised from the tomb those in bonds. All creation rejoices with them, offering up fitting songs to the Creator of all and our Deliverer. For, as Giver of life, He has today drawn mortal men up with Him from hell and borne them with Himself to heaven, and He has torn to shreds the presumption of the enemy and broken in pieces the gates of hell with the divine might of His authority.

CANTICLE 7

*Choir:* As of old Thou didst bedew the three pious children in the Chaldean flame, with the radiant fire of Thy divinity illumine us who cry: Blessed is the God of our fathers.

*Reader:* ***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

The splendid veil of the temple was rent in twain at the crucifixion of the Creator, revealing the truth hidden in the Scripture unto the faithful who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

When Thy side was pierced, O Christ, with the drops of Thy divinely flowing and life-creating blood, which fell upon the ground according to Thy design, Thou didst restore those on earth, who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

***O most holy Trinity, our God, glory to Thee.***

Let us glorify the good Spirit with the Father and the only-begotten Son, O ye faithful, worshipping the one Godhead and Sovereignty in three, crying: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

Thou hast shown thyself a treasury of blessings without price for those who with pure hearts acknowledge thee to be the Mother of God, for the God of our fathers was indeed made flesh of Thee.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

The Lord of glory, the Master of the powers on high, Who sits with the Father, was held in thy virginal arms: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Truly and manifestly hath Thy promise been fulfilled, O Christ, for Thy most divine disciple, rebuking a tempest with a word, transformed it into a peaceful calm. Praised art Thou and most glorious, O God of our fathers!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Commanded to ascend the mountain of the noetic Zion, O apostle, and having passed over death to divine life, rejoicing, thou dost bestow the cup of salvation of the praised and most glorious God of our fathers, having received it thyself.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

The divine Water of life showed thee forth, O blessed one, as a noetic river which drieth up rivers of deception with streams of teaching and doth water those who cry: Praised and most glorious art Thou, O God of our fathers!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Though a mortal, O apostle, thou dost supernaturally work wonders, for, undergoing suffering with love, thou didst follow after Christ Who loved thee, chanting: Praised and most glorious is God!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

O apostle of Christ, the fire of the Holy Spirit, descending from on high, commanded thee to proclaim His mighty works upon the ends of the earth in new languages which thou hadst never spoken before.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

The proclamation which ye trumpeted forth to the earth doth astound every mind, O initiates of the mysteries of Christ and beholders of lofty things, for as the twelve ye have enlightened the darkness of the earth.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

Let us hymn the Trinity, O ye faithful, glorifying the unoriginate Father, and the Son, and the upright Spirit, the single Essence; and let us chant threefold hymns unto It, singing: Holy, holy, holy art Thou forever! Amen.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

O Christ, we glorify Thee as One of the Trinity, for, incarnate of the Virgin without change, Thou didst bear all things as a man without departing from the Father's essence, O Jesus, even though Thou wast united unto us.

*Choir:* The holy children bravely trampled upon the threatening fire, refusing to worship created things in place of the Creator, and they sang in joy: "Blessed art Thou and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers."

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

Death is full of fury, yet when it joined battle with Thee, the Divine Person incarnate of the Virgin, Thou hast destroyed it: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

We all know thee to be the Theotokos who conceived God, for One of the Trinity, was made flesh and was born of thee, who art pure: Blessed, O All-Holy, is the fruit of thy womb.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

*Choir:* The holy children bravely trampled upon the threatening fire, refusing to worship created things in place of the Creator, and they sang in joy: "Blessed art Thou and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers."

CANTICLE 8

*Choir:* **U**nited in the unbearable fire, yet unharmed by its flame, the pious youths chanted a divine hymn in intercession: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

*Reader:* ***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

The splendor of the temple was rent in twain when Thy Cross was planted on Golgotha, and creation fell down in fear, singing: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

***Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.***

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Christ, and by Thy divine power didst set aright him who fell, deceived into eating of the tree; and he crieth and saith: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

Thou hast been shown to be the temple of God, an animate habitation, and the ark; for thou, O all-pure Theotokos, hast reconciled the Creator with men, and all of us, His works, hymn thee fittingly and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

***O most holy Trinity, our God, glory to Thee.***

We reverently worship in three Persons the Godhead that is ineffably united, and we sing: O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever.

***Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.***

O blessed Virgin who as Mother of God and close to Him hast surpassed the spiritual hierarchies, we bless thine Offspring and exalt Him above all for ever.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

O Andrew, apostle of Christ, thy divine memory doth shine forth radiant and gladdening rays of healing upon us who cry out: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Possessed of human nature, thou didst transcend the laws thereof and didst pass on to the habitations of the angels, O apostle Andrew; and thou dost cry out: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

The inspiration of the Spirit of God, which before illumined thee with fire from on high, O divinely eloquent apostle, doth show thee to be a zealous orator who crieth out to thy Christ: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Thou didst flash forth like lightning, a radiant light unto the gentiles, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and illumining the faithful, who cry: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

With a fisherman's skill thou didst draw fish from the sea. O most wise one, and now, with faith, thou dost draw men from the deception of the enemy for Christ. For deception was once an abyss which drowned the nations in the storm of impiety.

***Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.***

Propelled by the sail of the Spirit, with faith in Christ thou didst navigate the poetic abyss of life without being capsized, O apostle. Wherefore, rejoicing, thou hast attained unto the harbor of life for all ages.

***Let us bless the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,***

Let us glorify the thrice-radiant Unity, the equally-enthroned Trinity, not separating It, but uniting It consubstantially as truly One Essence, united without confusion in three Persons.

***now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

Having conceived, thou didst give birth unto one of the Trinity; Who, incarnate of thee, doth renew the laws of nature by thy birthing, O pure one. Cease not ever to beseech Him as God in our behalf, O Theotokos.

*Choir:* ***We praise, bless and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him to all the ages.***

The furnace moist with dew was the image and figure of a wonder past nature. For it burnt not the Children whom it had received, even as the fire of the Godhead consumed not the Virgin's womb into which it had descended. Therefore, in praise let us sing: Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.

#### CANTICLE 9: THE SONG OF THE BIRTHGIVER OF GOD

*Deacon:* Let us magnify with hymns the Birthgiver of God and Mother of the Light.

*Choir:* ***My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.***

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

***For he hath looked upon the lowliness of His handmaiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.***

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

***For the Mighty One hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name; and His mercy is on them that fear Him unto generation and generation.***

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

***He hath showed strength with His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.***

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

***He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them that are lowly; He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent away empty.***

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

***He hath helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.***

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

#### CANTICLE 9

*Choir:* ***A wonder new and divine: the Lord manifestly passeth through the closed door of the Virgin, naked at His entry; and God doth reveal Himself as corporeal as He issueth forth; and yet the gate remaineth shut. Ineffably let us magnify her as the Mother of God.***

*Reader: Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

Awesome is it to behold Thee, the Creator, O Word of God, uplifted upon the Tree: God suffering in the flesh for His servants, and lying in the tomb, bereft of breath, and releasing the dead from hell. Wherefore, O Christ, we magnify Thee as omnipotent.

*Glory to Thy holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

Placed dead in the tomb, Thou didst save the forefathers from the corruption of death; and, raising up the dead, Thou didst cause life to blossom forth, guiding human nature to the light and clothing it in divine incorruption. Wherefore, we ever magnify Thee as the Light of life.

*Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.*

Thou hast been shown to be the temple and throne of God, wherein He Who is in the highest dwelt, born of thee who knewest not man, O most pure one, without in any wise opening the gates of thy flesh. Wherefore, O pure one, by thine unceasing supplications quickly and utterly subdue the barbaric nations.

*Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.*

The reverent faithful are never surfeited by thy praises, O Virgin: for receiving with love ever divine and spiritual love, they magnify thee as Mother of God.

*Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.*

Thou hast established for us in her who hast borne Thee, Christ, an advocate who is never put to shame. At her intercessions, Thou dost give us the merciful Spirit, Giver of good, Who proceedeth through Thee from the Father.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

As a most excellent disciple, following even unto death thy Master Who was crucified of His own will upon the Cross, thou didst ascend the heights of thy cross rejoicing, and didst pass on to the heavens, O blessed Andrew.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

The gates of Eden were opened unto thee, and the ladder of heaven was set up for thee. The mansions of heaven received thee and thou didst stand, rejoicing, before Christ, the Bestower of life, O apostle, most eminent intercessor for the world.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

Thou wast glorified by sufferings like unto those of thy Teacher, O blessed and most wise Andrew; for thou didst receive thine end through a cross and wast deified through communion with God. Wherefore, we beseech thee: Pray thou ever in our behalf.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

Rejoice, most excellent pair, having now inherited citizenship in the heavens! Ye have transcended the desire for crowns, having conquered the power thereof, and ye illumine us with the radiance of divine gifts.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

O holy one, who spread out the net of the mystic knowledge of God, and who ensnared fish therein with the beauties of heavenly thoughts: Entreat the Holy Trinity to pour forth cleansing upon us.

*Holy apostle Andrew, pray to God for us.*

The nations enlightened by thee and led up from earth to the heavens by thee give thanks, for, wrested from the service of the enemy, they have become companions of the holy angels, partakers of the glory of the Lord.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

Unceasingly we glorify in heaven and on earth the incomprehensible Trinity, the tri-hypostatic Essence, the indivisible Glory which is hymned in one Godhead, piously worshipping the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

We flee with faith to thy loving-kindness, piously worshipping thy Son, O Virgin Theotokos. Him do thou entreat as the God and Lord of the world, that He deliver us from corruption, misfortune and every temptation.

*Choir: A strange and most wonderful mystery do I see: the cave is heaven; the Virgin is the throne of the Cherubim; the manger a room, in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid. Him do we praise and magnify.*

#### THE LITTLE LITANY

*Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.*

*Choir: Lord, have mercy.*

*Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.*

*Choir: Lord, have mercy.*

*Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.*

*Choir: To Thee, O Lord.*

*Priest:* For all the Hosts of the Heavens praise Thee, and unto Thee do they send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Deacon:* **Holy** is the Lord our God.

*Choir:* ***Holy is the Lord our God.***

*Deacon:* For holy is the Lord our God.

*Choir:* ***Holy is the Lord our God.***

*Deacon:* Above all people is the Lord our God.

*Choir:* ***Holy is the Lord our God.***

#### EXAPOSTILARION

##### *[Resurrection]*

*Reader:* Showing that Thou art man in essence, O Savior, Thou hast risen from the tomb. And Thou hast partaken of food and hast stood in their midst to preach repentance. And Thou hast straightway ascended to the Father and promised to send the disciples the Comforter. O most divine God and Man, glory to Thy Resurrection.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,***

##### *[Apostle Andrew]*

Finding thee, the all-unoriginate Word showed thee forth as the first-called of all the apostles, O most blessed and ever-memorable Andrew; and having followed in His steps, thou didst show thyself to be a guide for them that are astray, leading them to the divine and heavenly path.

***both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

##### *[Resurrection Theotokion]*

The Maker of the creation and God of all hast taken mortal flesh from thine undefiled blood, O all-holy Virgin, and hast made new my whole corrupted nature, leaving thee the same after as before childbirth. Therefore we all praise thee with faith, crying: Hail! O Queen of the world.

#### THE LAUDS [VERSES FROM PSALMS 148, 149 AND 150 WITH HYMNS OF THE DAY]

*Choir:* **L**et every breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest. To Thee is due praise, O God.

Praise Him all ye His Angels; praise Him all ye His Hosts. To Thee is due praise, O God.

*Reader:* ***To do among them the judgment that is written.***

*Choir:* ***This glory shall be to all His saints.***

##### *[Resurrection]*

**O** come all ye nations, perceive the might of this awful mystery: our Savior, Who in the beginning was the Word, has been crucified for us and of His own will suffered burial; on the third day He rose again that He might save us all. Therefore let us worship Him.

*Reader:* ***Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.***

The watch that guarded Thee, O Lord, related all the wonders that had come to pass, but the vain assembly of the Sanhedrin filled their hands with gifts, thus thinking to hide thy Resurrection, that the whole world glorifies. Have mercy upon us.

***Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.***

All things were filled with joy at receiving the tidings of Thy Resurrection, for Mary Magdalene, when she went to Thy tomb, found an angel in shining raiment seated upon the stone, who said: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but risen, as He said, and He goes before you into Galilee."

***Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp.***

**O** Master, Who lovest mankind, in Thy light we shall see light: for Thou art risen from the dead and hast bestowed salvation on mankind. Let all creation give glory to Thee Who alone art without sin; have mercy on us.

***Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.***

##### *[Apostle Andrew]*

**B**e glad now, O Bethsaida, for the most fragrant lilies, Peter and Andrew, have blossomed forth in thee from the vale of their mother, perfuming the whole world with the preaching of the Faith through the grace of Christ; and they have shared also in His sufferings.

***Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.***

Rejoice and make merry, O Andrew, for, clearly, in the radiance of the Word, thou hast received Christ, the Sun of glory, the Bestower of life, to Whom cleaving with faith, thou didst preach. Him do thou unceasingly entreat in behalf of us that hymn thee with faith.

***Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.***

Andrew, the beholder of God, the teacher of the mysteries of the divine dispensation of Christ, elect among the first to be disciples of the Word, beholding Peter, his brother, crying aloud, did say: We have found the Messiah Whom the Scriptures and the prophets foretold!

***The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.***

Let us praise Andrew, the preacher of the Faith and servant of the Word, for he hath drawn forth men from the abyss, wielding the Cross instead of a rod; and lowering a line of power, he leadeth up souls from the deception of the enemy, and doth ever offer them to God as an acceptable gift. Let us praise him, ye faithful, among the choirs of the disciples of Christ, that he may pray with them, that Christ be merciful unto us on the day of Judgment.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.***

*[Resurrection]*

Thou, O Christ, the true peace, in giving to Thy disciples after the Resurrection the peace of God toward men, hast shown them to be fearful, supposing that they had seen a ghost. But Thou hast calmed the tumult of their souls by showing them Thy hands and feet. To those who nevertheless still disbelieved, Thou hast opened their minds to understand the Scriptures by partaking food with them and reminding them of Thy teachings. And having assured them of the promise of the Father, and having blessed them, Thou hast gone away to heaven. With them we therefore worship Thee: O Lord, glory to Thee.

*Choir: both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*[Resurrection Theotokion]*

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Birthgiver of God; for by Him, Who was incarnate of Thee, hell was taken captive, Adam was recalled, the curse was annulled, Eve was freed, death was put to death, and we were brought to life. Therefore, with hymns we cry aloud: Blessed is Christ God, Who hast been thusly well pleased. Glory be to Thee.

#### THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

*Priest: Glory to Thee, Who hast shown us the light.*

*Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, by reason of Thy great glory: O Lord, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: Thou, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Thou, that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou, that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father. Amen. Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name for ever, yea, for ever and ever. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name unto the ages. Amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. O Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. Lord, unto Thee have I fled for refuge; teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God, for in Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light. Continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (Three times)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.*

#### TROPARION

Today is salvation come unto the world. Let us sing to Him, Who arose from the grave, and Who is the Author of our life. For, destroying death by death, He granted us the victory and great mercy.

#### THE AUGMENTED LITANY

*Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy:*

*Choir: Lord, have mercy. (Three times)*

*Deacon: Furthermore we pray for our great lord and father, his holiness patriarch Cyril; for our lord the most reverend metropolitan Hilarion; for our lord the right reverend archbishop Cyril; for our lord the right reverend bishop Theodosius; and for all our brethren in Christ.*

*Choir: Lord, have mercy. (Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for the God-preserved land of Russia and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and the diaspora, and for their salvation.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray to the Lord our God that He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for this country, its authorities, and all who in faith and piety dwell therein and in every country.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy orthodox patriarchs, and for the pious kings and faithful queens, and for the founders of this holy temple, and for all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and for all the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of the sins for the servants of God, our brethren of this holy Temple.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Deacon:* Furthermore we pray for them that bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for them that labor and them that sing, and for all the people here present that await Thy great and abundant mercy.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Priest:* For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

#### THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*Deacon:* Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon:* That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* An Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* Pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* Things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

*Choir:* Grant this, O Lord.

*Deacon:* Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ, our God.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For a God of mercies and compassions and love for mankind art Thou, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Priest:* Peace be to all.

*Choir:* And to thy spirit.

*Deacon:* Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

*Choir:* To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest:* For Thine is to have mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

### THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Wisdom.

*Choir:* Father, bless.

*Priest:* Blessed is He that is, even Christ our God, always, now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

O God, make steadfast the holy Orthodox Faith of the Orthodox Christians unto the ages of ages.

*Priest:* Most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.

*Choir:* More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

*Priest:* Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

*Choir:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Father, bless.

*Priest:* **M**ay He Who arose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercession of His all-pure Mother; of the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy Forefathers of the Old Testament; hieromartyr Eleutherius, bishop of Illyria and his mother martyr Anthia; venerable Paul of Latros; hierarch Stephen the confessor, archbishop of Sourozh; martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople; venerable Pardus, hermit of Palestine; venerable Tryphon of Kolsk; martyr Bacchus the New; nun-martyr deaconess Susanna; new hieromartyrs Hilarion and Victorin: whose memories we celebrate today; of the holy new martyrs and confessors of Russia; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

*Choir:* Amen.

### THE FIRST HOUR

*Reader:* **O** come, let us worship our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ, our King and God.

*(One psalm is said in most parishes, usually psalm 100)*

#### PSALM 5

Unto my words give ear, O Lord; hear my cry. Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God; for unto thee will I pray, O Lord. In the morning Thou shalt hear my voice. In the morning shall I stand before Thee, and Thou shalt look upon me; for not a God that willest iniquity art Thou. He that worketh evil shall not dwell near Thee, nor shall transgressors abide before thine eyes. Thou hast hated all them that work iniquity; Thou shalt destroy all them that speak a lie. A man that is bloody and deceitful shall the Lord abhor. But as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy shall I go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee. O Lord, guide me in the way of righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee, for in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open sepulcher, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully; judge them, O God. Let them fall down on account of their own devisings; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered thee, O Lord. And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shalt dwell among them. And all shall glory in thee that love Thy name, for Thou shalt bless the righteous. O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure hast Thou crowned us.

#### PSALM 89

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation. Before the mountains came to be and the earth was formed and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting art Thou. Turn man not away unto lowliness; yea, Thou hast said: 'Turn back, ye sons of men.' For a thousand years in Thine eyes, O Lord, are but as yesterday that is past, and as a watch in the night. Things of no account shall their years be; in the morning like grass shall man pass away. In the morning shall he bloom and pass away, in the evening shall he fall and grow withered and dry. For we have fainted away in Thy wrath, and in Thine anger have we been troubled. Thou has set our iniquities before Thee; our lifespan is in the light of Thy countenance. For all our days are faded away, and in Thy wrath are we fainted away; our years have, like a spider, spun out their tale. As for the days of our years, in their span shall they be threescore years and ten. And if we be in strength, mayhap fourscore years; and what is more than these is toil and travail. For mildness is come upon us, and we shall be chastened. Who knoweth the might of Thy wrath? And out of fear of Thee, who can recount Thine anger? So make Thy right hand known to me, and to them that in their heart are instructed in wisdom. Return, O Lord; how long? And be Thou entreated concerning Thy servants. We were filled in the morning with Thy mercy, O Lord, and we rejoiced and were glad. In all our days, let us be glad for the days wherein Thou didst humble us, for the years wherein we saw evils. And

look upon Thy servants and upon Thy works, and do Thou guide their sons. And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and the works of our hands do Thou guide aright upon us, yea, the works of our hands do Thou guide aright.

PSALM 100

Of mercy and judgment will I sing unto Thee, O Lord; I will sing and have understanding in a blameless path. When wilt Thou come unto me? I have walked in the innocence of my heart in the midst of my house. I have no unlawful thing before mine eyes; the workers of transgression I have hated. A crooked heart hath not cleaved unto me; as for the wicked man who turned from me, I knew him not. Him who slandered his neighbor in secret did I drive away from me. With him whose eye was proud and his heart insatiate, I did not eat. Mine eyes were upon the faithful of the land, that they might sit with me; the man that walked in the blameless path, he ministered unto me. The proud doer dwelt not in the midst of my house; The speaker of unjust things prospered not before mine eyes. In the morning I slew all the sinners of the land, utterly to destroy out of the city of the Lord all them that work iniquity.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Three times)*

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

*Resurrection troparion, tone 3*

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of hell hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

*Troparion of the holy Forefathers of the Lord, tone 2*

By faith didst Thou justify the forefathers, O Thou that, through them, didst betroth Thyself aforetime to the Church which was from among the nations. The saints boast in glory, for from their seed hath come a right glorious fruit even she that gaveth birth unto Thee. O Christ God, by their prayers have mercy upon us!

**both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

What shall we call thee, O thou who art full of grace? Heaven, for from thee shone forth the Sun of righteousness? Paradise, for thou hast budded forth the Flower of immortality? Virgin, for thou hast remained undefiled? Pure Mother, for thou hast held in thy holy embrace thy Son, Who is God of all? Beseech him that our souls be saved.

My steps do Thou direct according to Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes. Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that I may sing Thy glory and Thy splendor all the day long.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, wash away our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Which art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

*Priest:* For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Reader:* Amen.

*Resurrection kontakion, tone 3*

Thou didst rise from the tomb today, O Merciful One, and didst lead us up out of the gates of death. On this day Adam doth dance for joy and Eve rejoiceth; and with them, both the Patriarchs and the Prophets chant without ceasing in praise of the divine might of Thine authority.

Lord, have mercy. *(Forty times)*

PRAYER OF "THE HOURS" BY SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

Thou Who at all times and at every hour, in Heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, Who art long-suffering, plenteous in mercy, most compassionate, Who lovest the righteous and hast mercy on sinners, Who callest all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: receive, O Lord, our prayers at this hour, and guide our life toward Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, make chaste our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guided and guarded by their array, we may attain to the unity of faith, and the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thee, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Birthgiver of God, do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, father bless.

*Priest:* God, be bountiful unto us and bless us, show us the light of Thy countenance and have mercy on us.

*Reader:* Amen.

*Priest:* O Christ, the true Light, Which illumines and sanctifies every man who comes into the world, let the light of Thy countenance be impressed upon us, so that in it we may see the unapproachable Light; and guide our footsteps aright to the keeping of Thy commandments, through the intercessions of Thine all-pure Mother and of all Thy Saints. Amen.

*Choir:* To thee, the Champion Leader, we dedicate a feast of victory and of thanksgiving, as ones rescued out of sufferings, O Birthgiver of God. But as thou art one with might that is invincible, deliver us from all dangers, that we may cry to thee: "Rejoice, thou Bride unwedded."

*Priest:* Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

*Choir:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Father, bless.

*Priest:* May Christ our true God, through the intercession of His all-pure Mother and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

*Choir:* Amen. Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*